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THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM SENT ACTION NEW DELHI
ON JAN 2, 1975 FROM MADRAS IS REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO

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SUBJECT: TAMIL DAILY ALLEGES "SECRET MEETING" BETWEEN "AMERICAN
AGENT" AND ADMK MLA

1. NAVA SAKTHI, TAMIL LANGUAGE DAILY (CIRCULATION
40,000), CONSIDERED TO BE MOUTHPIECE OF CONGRESS (O),
PUBLISHED SEVEN-COLUMN HEADLINE "AN AMERICAN AGENT
AND ADMK MLA'S SECRET MEETING AT A LEADING HOTEL,"
ON FRONT PAGE DECEMBER 31 EDITION. COMMENT: IN
MID-DECEMBER THE IDEA OF A TRIPLE ALLIANCE BETWEEN CONGRESS (R),
CONGRESS (O), AND THE ADMK WAS REPORTEDLY CONSIDERED
BY THE CONGRESS (R) HIGH COMMAND. HOWEVER, K. KAMARAJ,
LEADER OF CONGRESS (O), HAS CONSIDERED THE ADMK A GREATER
"ENEMY" THAN THE DMK; HE APPARENTLY HAS GREAT PERSONAL
DISLIKE FOR ADMK LEADER M.G. RAMACHANDRAN (MGR),
AND HAS BEEN UNALTERABLY OPPOSED TO COOPERATION WITH
HIM. WE BELIEVE THAT KAMARAJ'S ANTIPATHY TOWARDS THE ADMK
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PROBABLY EXPLAINS THE APPEARANCE IN THE CONGRESS (O)

ORGAN OF THIS ARTICLE, WHICH TRIES TO TARNISH THE ADMK
BY IDENTIFYING IT WITH "AN AMERICAN CIA AGENT."
END COMMENT.

2. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THE ONLY CONTACTS BETWEEN
THE CONSULATE AND THE ADMK IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS
HAVE BEEN THOSE REPORTED IN MEMCONS WITH DR. H.V.
HANDE (JULY 24), G.R. EDMUND (AUG. 23) AND M.G.
RAMACHANDRAN (AUG 27).

3. EXCERPTS ARTICLE FOLLOW. "MADRAS, DECEMBER 31.
--INFORMATION IS ON HAND THAT THE AMERICAN CIA HAS CLOSE
CONTACT WITH THE ADMK (OF MGR). TO STRENGTHEN THIS
CONTACT AN MLA OF THE ADMK AND ONE MAN WHO IS ACTING
AS AN AMERICAN AGENT ARE FREQUENTLY MEETING SECRETLY
IN A LEADING HOTEL AT MADRAS, IT IS LEARNT....

IT IS STATED THAT MGR BEFORE GOING TO THE STATES HAD
DINNER WITH LEADING AMERICANS IN THE RESIDENCE OF A BIG
INDUSTRIALIST, AND MANY SECRET PLANS WERE DRAWN IN THAT
DINNER MEETING.

A PROMINENT AMERICAN, IT IS LEARNT, TOLD MGR THAT IF
ADMK WERE TO BREAK ITS RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY,
AMERICA WILL GIVE ALL HELP TO ADMK AND IF ELECTIONS WERE
TO COME, AMERICA WOULD BE PREPARED TO MEET ALL
ITS ELECTION EXPENSES. ALSO, MGR WAS TOLD THAT
HE WOULD BE GIVEN OFFICIAL RECEPTION WHILE HE WAS IN
AMERICA.

IT IS LEARNT, MGR PROMISED, THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE
TO BREAK HIS RELATIONS WITH THE RIGHT COMMUNIST PARTY
IMMEDIATELY BUT HE WOULD DO IT GRADUALLY....

IT IS ALSO SAID, BECAUSE OF THIS (PROMISE) ONLY,
MGR WAS VERY WARMLY RECEIVED IN AMERICA.

OBSERVERS FEEL ONLY TO PLEASE AMERICANS, MGR SAID
(WHILE HE WAS IN AMERICA) THAT "ANNAISM IS A MIXTURE OF
CAPITALISM, SOCIALISM AND COMMUNISM."
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IT IS LEARNT HOWEVER THAT AMERICA IS NOW VERY HAPPY
THAT SHE WAS ABLE TO GET A STOOGIE IN TAMIL NADU."
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